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UNIFIED MESSAGING SYSTEM CONFIGURED FOR CONVERTING SHORT

MESSAGE SERVICE MESSAGES TO AUDIBLE MESSAGES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

For:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 26 with the following replacement paragraph:

If in step 62 the destination number 50 matches the SMS command processor number, the SMS command processor 24 parses in step 66 the SMS message for the messaging destination number 48 and the messaging command, in this example the text-to-speech messaging command 44. If in step 68 the SMS command processor 24 detects a command other than the text-to-speech command 44 adjacent to the messaging destination 48, the SMS command processor 24 performs the specified SMS processing in step 70. Additional details related to generic SMS processing by the SMS command processor are disclosed in commonly assigned, copending application No. 09/846,224,

